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Dear Bill,

Thanks for taking the time to look into the [] matter so thoroughly. I can only say that [] account of the conversation he and I had bears not one semblance of truth - not one. [] comments are equally erroneous - though may have been inadvertently wrong - since he was not within earshot of [] initial statement to me that you were his source.

I can say that [] remarks are totally erroneous not only because my memory is very clear, but because [] has undermined his own credibility. The issue you discussed with him was "Who was his source?" Surely he had one. He did not say that it was you. He did not deny that. He did not say that the story was so common that he heard it on the street corner. He did not say that it was some other individual, even unnamed. His evasiveness on this basic point obviously indicates his intent to cover up his indiscretion.

Your detailed account has totally persuaded me, however, that I jumped to the wrong conclusion when [] volunteered to me that you were his source. I felt either that I had been deliberately set up to look bad before the public, or that the Agency had never been sincere in its expressed concern about the impact of my article [] since it was now reopening that wound in a public forum. It is now quite clear to me that whatever you told [] was an inadvertance, not a deliberate leak.

Again, thanks for your personal attention on this question.

Yours,



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